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The proper way to take care of the Roosevelt deficit is to enact as an emergency measure a temporary tax or surtax in the familiar form of the internal geographers) describe." He is efficient revenue stamp duties. Senator DEPEW s to have had the sense to perceive this fact; but his efforts to prevent the inequity and iniquity of the Roosevelt-Taft socialistic tax on the incomes of incorporated industries have been neither DEPEW's junior colleague, Mr. ELIHU Roop, instead of representing State interests against centralization and Federal aggression as the Constitution intended him to do, has thought it his duty to make himself the special counsel and efficient promoter of President TAFT'S project for the Federal control of business within State lines. Next to Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island Mr. Root have achieved-to have cut a hemisphere in two has been perhaps the most potent factor the habilitation of what Mr. Walten Page would in silencing conservative objections in call as 'unkempt continent'; to have laid scientific the Senate and fastening upon the rev- foundations for quintupling the comm enue bill the revolutionary proposal in economic capacity of the million and a half square which Mr. TAFT outroosevelts Mr. ROOSEVELT. In our opinion Senator have snatched an area the size of New York State Root's great abilities have never been exerted in a cause more unworthy of his reputation and more destructive of the eventual cost of a brass farthing; to have all that for which his name ought to widened the sphere of the State, changed the this tax on corporate incomes was a speak of politics and ethics in the same breath necessary sacrifice of principle in order without an apology. This, I say, was a great to avert the enactment of a general work, and but a part of the actual achiever income tax has now become patently ridiculous; first, through the disclosure in the Senate on Wednesday last of the actual weakness behind the Bailey-Cummins amendment; and secondly, by the growing perception of the truth that instead of serving to block an individual income tax the corporation tax is likely to be one of the surest and shortest roads to the same. The business sentiment of New York, we believe, forms of incorporated industry big and little, is overwhelmingly opposed to the

Poltava's Bicentenary.

publican and Democratic.

On Friday NICHOLAS II. and many members of the imperial family took part at Poltava with representatives of the Russian people in commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the overwhelming defeat inflicted by PETER the Great upon the Swedish army under CHARLES XII. There is no doubt that this battle must be ranked with the conversion of the dynasty of RUBIR to the Greek form of Christianity and with the overthrow of Tatar domi-

have shaped Russian history. Russians might have been expected to lish of JACK LONDON: be drawn to the Poles, they owed to Scandinavia the rudiments of their civiligation, the importation of their religion. and a line of sovereigns that ruled in independence for some 400 years. Moreover, at the beginning of the eighteenth century when the Muscovite awakening began it was not Poland. now a shrunken and degenerate State. Russian throne the Swedes were masters not only of Finland but of many strong-holds south of the gulf of that name, including the present site of St. Petersburg, and their triumphant though only fresh in men's minds. The intrinsic system of ethics.

for applied politics, and he has his own section. According to the published weakness of Sweden-the inadequacy of its pecuniary resources to the con- MAN through his whole panegyric. He Mr. STABER can identify the burglar

In PETER the Great's contemporary, so ends or to draw lessons from defeat sentence in which he enumerates the fired by RULOFF or one of his compan-

iting the conventional type of warrior, a scientific geographer": learned by reverses how to become a strategist and to play the soldier. It sion. catch unawares a splendid but vain and heedless captain and turn some blunder of his enemy to decisive account. The hour came at Poltava, where the Russo sian ruler gave proofs of military efficiency that commanded the respect DAILY AND SUNDAY. Per Year 8 00 of Europe. It was then and there settled that the Muscovites were to be not an agricultural and a homekeeping

but a fighting and conquering people. For the Swedes Poltava has other nemories. It is hard for them now to absociation at 170 Nassau street, in the Borough of believe that only two centuries ago their Maphattan, New York. President and Treasures forefathers invaded Russia with every prospect of success, and that in the eyes of contemporary professional soldiers the ruinous defeat of CHARLES XII. should have been regarded almost as a miracle.

The Dynamic Geographer.

We don't know exactly who Mr. FRANK BUFFINGTON VROOMAN, F. R. G. S., is, but we are glad of him and thankful for him. Anybody can be a F. R. G. S.; Mr. VROOMAN is an incomparable and original Fellow. The Oxford University Press has just published a lecture delivered by him to the Oxford ROOSEVELT, Dynamic Geographer." dynamic geographer "helps to make the geography which other men [static constructive, busy. He "geta geographical things done"-a lovely phrase. We had supposed that WALTER WELLMAN was our foremost dynamic geographer. and Mr. ROOSEVELT'S relation to geography or anything else would be more properly described as dynamitic; but we conspicuous nor successful. Senator are here to accept Mr. VROOMAN, not to criticise him. His large scale map of the dynamite geographer is instructive far beyond the narrow continent of geography:

"The first American President who was practical statesman, ethical philosopher and scientifi geographer, elected to office at the close of few public men were aware of an issue other than the tariff or graft-this man has blazed new trails for American destiny. This is a great work to basin of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes; to from the sage bush and rattlesnake, and an area four times as large from the land skinner, and presented them to the American people The idea that the concession of definition of the word 'politics,' laid democracy during three-quarters of the first decade of the new century, due to the intelligence and initiative and determination of one man.

> Mr. ROOSEVELT has been a dynamic and scientific geographer without knowing it, without anybody else's knowing it. It is Mr. VROOMAN'S merit to have discovered the geography in him and so to give Dr. LYMAN ABBOTT a new passage from which to approach the temple of his divinity. The "ethical foundations" are better known to Mr. HARRIMAN, for example, and to the

Roosevelt-Taft tax on corporate in- Africa before he returns, those who county, however, has refused to accept comes. Our Senators having failed us know him will miss their guess." Ap- this plea, and very properly so under in this particular, New York awaits with parently Mr. VROOMAN is an American the circumstances. Even if there were uncommon interest the action of its and a guesser. It is our own guess that no proof showing which of the bur-Representatives in Congress, both Re- the great leonicide will discover the glars fired the fatal shot it is possi-Nile and the Pyramids.

> Wisconsin and Chautauqua to the banks | murder. of Isis. Mr. VROOMAN borrows without acknowledgment-but the list is a declares that a person concerned in classic of muckrakerism-the assertion the commission of a crime, whether that one hundred men control the bulk he directly commits the act constituting of American wealth. This handsome figure, however, is his own:

> " Free competition had broken its backbon carrying its own fat, and had crawled into the in which convictions for murder in sarcophagus of billionaireism to die and rot."

He describes the "stock gamblers' The New York financiers, it panic." seems, "chose an inconvenient time" for injury. Thus if there is a combinait—devilish inconvenient for a number nation by the Grand Dukes of Muscovy, of them; that's a fact. But let us hear burglary and they arm themselves to among the momentous events which a style familiar enough here but strange in Oxford and suggesting the orators of signing to kill any one who may oppose While by ties of Slavic kinship the "American Notes" and the chaste Eng-

"He (the dynamic geographer) demanded sovereign for the areas of anarchy between the States, a scourge for the cave dwellers of lawless wealth and impecunious envy alike, prison barr for the unlawful exploiters of unrequited toll and unprotected property. Nemesis for the insoleni throttlers of competition, gyves for the pirates on the high seas of finance."

Every measure proposed by the dybut Sweden, the possessor since the namic geographer has its "distinctive ime of GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS of great ethical value" whether it lost or won. ilitary prestige and political influence. He has outlined "the future of the only hat barred Russia's access to central kind of democracy on which politics Europe. At the date of the joint ac- and ethics can ever coincide." Thereion of PETER I. and his sister to the fore, no matter what Wall Street magazines and publishing houses say, history will declare and Mr. VROOMAN does declare that "THEODORE ROOSEVELT is one of the few universal political geniuses of the world." He certainly has a genius

cuous part which it had assumed to makes us feel that the Hon. JAKE RIIS who shot his mother; but even if he could slay in Europe—was ill appreciated by was but a cold and pallid recorder of the not do so the fact that she was killed niookers for the reason that it had been virtues of his hero. "More of the credit" by one of the burglars while they were interbalanced to a considerable ex- of the outcome of the Spanish war is engaged in an attempt to rob the house at by the country's fertility in mili- due to the dynamic former Assistant would suffice to sustain a verdict against Secretary of the Navy than to anybody | both of them for the crime of murder else. Had it not been for him Em-CHARLES XII., there was so brilliant peror WILLIAM might have got the Phil- Ruloff case, which came before the conjunction of military gifts that ippines and Hawaii and "smashed the the Swedes not unnaturally looked for- Monroe Doctrine once for all" in Brazil. was committed at a store in Binghamton ward to seeing him rival the achieve- We hope Mr. VROOMAN has sent a marked which had been burglariously entered ments of GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS; and copy of his work to the Hon. JOHN in the nighttime by three persons, one to be might have done had he possessed DAVIS LONG, Hingham, Mass., and we of whom was the defendant. The clark the other's capacity for statesmanship, should like to ask why he puts "Podunk," in the store was killed by one of the As it was, CHARLES'S recklessness, im- as he seems to do, in Minnesota; but we burglars, but it did not appear whether providence and inability to adapt means must content ourselves with a pregnant the shot which caused his death was

presented a striking contrast to his qualifications of a great politician, "an ions. The evidence left no doubt, SKETCHES FROM TRASTEVERE.

"The first qualification is creative imagina

was inevitable that soon or late the No one can deny to Mr. ROOSEVELT patient student of the art of war would the possession of this qualification in a Judge WILLIAM F. ALLEN, one of the been celebrated by the poets in brilliant Sapphiries?

> The Sort of Airship the Army Wants. General JAMES ALLEN, chief of the signal service of the army, seems to be getting impatient. He is one of the delights in him, and nowhere can be found a more convivial and scintillating companion. Nevertheless it appears that General ALLEN is beginning to fred the fatal shot." ask for some tangible results in the matter of aeroplanes and the like. Speaking through Major Souler, chief of the aeronautical board, a day or two of "purely exhibition flights" and was

and practicable. We all know what the army expects of airships. It wants a vehicle that can be used at short notice in any kind of weather, and for long or short flights School of Geography on "Theodore fact a machine that can be employed for purposes of military observation. Pretty little things that sail about for short while when everything is propitious will doubtless make the groundhogs gape for wonder and lead directly on to columns of newspaper glory. If something snaps and they fall down, as sometimes happens, no great harm is done as a rule. It is a matter of a few weeks for repairs, some days of waiting for a windless day, a happy-golucky crowd, another flight and perhaps another accident. This is well enough for county fairs and holiday assemblages; it is prolific of starting eyeballs and innocent delight; but obviously the army has no sort of use for these more or less alluring toys. The army wants something that can be used in an emergency, manipulated in all kinds of weather, and applied with reasonable certainty to the vicissitudes

of actual war. Apparently General JAMES ALLEN, having negotiated the purchase of Mr. BALDWIN's balloon airship, sees nothing practical in the whimsical and flirtatious and hoydenish performances of the machines that have been submitted to him since, and has more than half a mind to go out of the holiday show business.

Certainly no one can blame him i this is his present disposition. It is no part of the signal service chief's business to preside over the experiweaklings and to spend Government matter, telegrams and local reports. time and money on their highly problematical adventures. As we understand the matter the army is in the position of wanting to purchase a thoroughly trustworthy and serviceable airship. We can well believe that General ALLEN is in the mood to wait until some one brings him a machine all ready for use.

The Liability for Murder in the Staber Case.

If the dynamic geographer "does not avowed their willingness to plead guilty make some new and striking contri- to a charge of murder in the second debutions to geographical dynamics in gree. The District Attorney of Kings ble under the law for both of them to Battle BoB has made his way from be held liable for the highest degree of

> The Penal Code of this State expressly the offence or aids and abets in its commission, is liable as a principal; and there are many cases in the law reports the first degree have been upheld although it was not certain that the person convicted actually inflicted the fatal by physic tion by a number of men to commit a carry out their burglarious intent, dethem if necessary, a homicide by one

is a murder by all. Under the laws of this State there are four kinds of murder in the first degree. That crime is defined by section 183 of

the Penal Code as follows: " The killing of a human being, unless it is exsable or justifiable, is murder in the first degree.

when committed either " 1. From a deliberate and premeditated design | leprosy to effect the death of the person killed, or of another; or

and evincing a deprayed mind, regardless of human life, although without a design to effec the death of any individual; or

" 3. Without a design to effect death, by a perso engaged in the commission of or in an attempt to commit a felony, either upon or affecting the person killed or otherwise; or " 4. When perpetrated in committing the erime

of arson in the first degree." The Staber homicide probably falls We wish we could follow Mr. VROO- accounts it seems likely that young in the first degree. In the celebrated Court of Appeals in 1871, the homicide

sian opponent, who, far from exhib- ideal politician, if he also happens to be however, that RULOFF either fired the fatal shot or was present, aiding and abetting his confederates in the commission of the act, and his conviction was affirmed and he was executed.

supreme degree. Indeed, has it not most distinguished Judges who ever sat in this State, laid down the law as

"If the homicide was committed by one of sev eral persons in the prosecution of an unlawful purpose or common design in which the combining parties had united, and for the effecting whereof they had assembled, all were liable to answer criminally for the act, and if the homicid most amiable and optimistic men alive. was murder all were guilty of murder, assuming Some call him Sunny Jim, others plain that it was within the common purpose. . . JIMMY, but everybody loves him and If there was a general resolution against all opposers and to resist to the utmost all attempts to detain or hold in custody any of the parties all the persons present when the homicide was

committed were equally guilty with him who

This doctrine has been reasserted by the same court as recently as 1903 in the case of the People against SULago, he is reported as saying that the der in the first degree was sustained LIVAN, where a conviction for mur-War Department had had quite enough although there was no proof to identify the person who fired the fatal shot, and now ready for something really useful he was a member of a party that had entered into an agreement or conspir-

> aid of a design to commit burglary. A little reflection will show that there is no undue harshness in this rule of law. If a party of burglars are all ready and willing to kill any one who opposes them in the execution of their project, the act of killing by one is really a murder by all. A conviction of murder in the second degree in this State ne longer involves imprisonment for life. The Legislature has recently changed the statute so that a person sentenced to life imprisonment may be released by a State board after he has served a term of twenty years, and this board has been very liberal in the exercise of its prerogative. Twenty years imprisonment hardly seems an adequate punishment for such a crime as was committed the other night in Flatbush.

From an Admiral Who Detests Talk. It is delightful to come across a real gem of commercial and nautical and sartorial thought combined, like the fol-

lowing: " NO TALK, BUT PACTS.

" DEAR Str.: I take pleasure-quite voluntarily in recommending Mr. -------'s establish ment to U. S. Naval Officers needing civilian's garments.

, in fact, more than satisfied. CHARLES D. SIGSBER. " Admiral U. S. Navy.

This is cut from the Paris edition of the New York Herald-snatched, so to grance to inform the wayfarer of their gree ments of private citizens, to nurse their speak, from an entourage of reading

Everybody will be glad to know on the best possible authority that Admiral SIGSBEE is satisfied (in fact, more than satisfied) with the civilian garments he obtains when in Paris.

With this wider publicity for his satisfaction (or more than satisfaction) we are quite sure the Admiral will be gratified; in fact, more than gratified.

It may interest those who imagine that bull fighting is a one sided affair in which no one but the bulls and the horses ever It is announced that the two burglars gets hurt to know that during the current who have been arrested for the murder season in Spain-from April 12 up to been killed and 111 other toreros seriously injured. We do not convey this nformation with any idea of commendng the bull fight to enlightened persons We mention it merely to show that the bull occasionally has his innings, and to suggest that on the whole bull fighting is almost as destructive of human life as American football.

A great many false impressions prevail concerning our most cherished and uplifting institutions. It is an ungrateful task, though in our philosophy necessary, to remove these or at least to challenge them as opportunity arises.

From an article in the Medical Record by L. Duncan Bulkeley, M. D. The great dread of the disease has undoubtedly een furthered by many writers of fiction, and uch books as "Ben Hur" have had great influence; n the other hand, there has been very little said or done to check or lessen the popular prejudice ns, who, not having devo

ny countries it has seemed advisable to

or, crowded homes, and also by means of which the slight possibility of the spread of the disease, by methods thus far unknown, may be minimised. So that to-day it may safely be said that the So that to-day it may safely be said that the word "leprosy" strikes more terror into the heart of its victim, or suspected victim, and also into the mind of the average layman, or even physician, than that of almost any other disease known; and yet, to those who are really well informed, it bears no comparison to either causer or tuberculosis in the mental distress which it should cause in those afflicted, while syphilis and many other diseases should inspire far more dread of contagion. Few realize that, in this climate at least, leprosy is really a harmless affection to those who may come in contact with it.

The Bella O'er the Sea From the Catholic Standard and Times

grand.

Now whin I was a boy
By the town o' Clonmel
I drank nothin' but Joy
From the rim of a bell.

Was it rung for two wed,
Was it summons to prayer,
Was it tolled for wan dead.
Still music was there;
Every hillside an' glen,
Every hillside an' glen,
Every hollow an' glade,
Rang again an' again
Wid the echoes it made,
An' the good folk that trod
To the call o' the bell
Gave a "Glory to God!"
For whatever befell,
Don't I mind—bless me soul!
Me a wee curlyhead—
How we heard the bells toil
Whin O'Connell was dead!
I can mind that same day,
Aye! I see mese! well
As I stopped in me play
At the sound o' the bell:
An' I hold in me ear
All its music that's past,
Though it's sixty-two year
Since I heard it the last.
For I can't live it down,
An' I hear it ring yet
O'er the bells o' this town,
Wid their tears an' regret—
Harki

ow it moithers the all Sure it ought to be 'Tis a weddin', they I declare

An Excursion to Palestrina.

Rome, June 25 .- Toward the middle of March, 1867, the scientific world of Rome was rejoiced by the news that the soil of Palestrina had again brought to light several bronze cists. Every archæologist is by and to know what a bronze "cist means, but not everybody is an archeolo-Bronze cists are round vessels varying from six to twelve inches in height and in slightly convex and decorated with one

or several bronze statuettes serving as a handle to lift the cover off. They have three feet, also formed by figures of men or animals or by claws, &c. The outside of the cist and its cover are generally decorated with engraved figures of men, of beasts with ornamental designs or mythological scenes, sometimes rough and barbarous. sometimes as exquisite as if they had been traced by some great Grecian artist. They are generally covered with a beautiful patina, light green or bluish in hue, peculiar to all bronze objects found in or near Patheir own. Moreover, they are always found containing toilet objects in brenze or ivory or gold.

So you can imagine the joy of my husband, who always loved beautiful things, and of his friend Baron de W---, a celebrated Belgian archæologist, Membre de l'Institut, &c. I have long ago come to the convic-tion that all archæologists are cracked, and the defendant's legal responsibility for am coming to the belief that everybody the homicide rested upon the fact that is so more or less even without belonging to the adepts of that science. The leavned Baron had a special mania for objects that he could easily handle. It was ever so amusing to see him with some small statuette acy to take human life if necessary in before him; a magnifying glass always at hand, he would get completely absorbed in contemplation, then he would smile at the thing, put out the end of his tongue and lick it, then apply his nose to it and give it an investigating sniff (he used to say that he often could tell by taste and smell where this or that object had been found). I have seen him pass coolly before the finest statue of world renown to direct all his senses on some ugly little Etruscan or old Roman object completely deprived of any charm for any other mortal.

The moment the friends had read the letter announcing the new discoveries in Palestrina an excursion to that town was planned, and a week afterward, on March 4, 1867, we were ready to start.

Nowadays no such long preparations are reamed of. You get into the train for Naples, that barbarously rushes through the Roman Campagna; half an hour afterward you get out of the ugly railway car-riage at the uglier station of Preneste and a willing cabman drives you to the hotel that has a modern look, though I fear many nodern comforts are still lacking.

Forty-two years ago it was not trip, but a real expedition that had to be carefully planned. We had to engage a vetturino with extra strong horses; to bargain for the price, offering half the sum demanded; then to ask the papal police to give us two picturesque carabineri on horseback and a third to sit on the box, for brigands were often disagreeably close at hand when least wanted, and precious lives had to be protected. It was

Where is now the charm of the Campagna awakening in the double glory of morning and of spring, the carpets of flowers n the beautiful green grass, the patches of forget-me-nots in the wood of Zagarolo looking like bits of sky blue fallen on earth the elegant white and pale blue anen the violets pretending to hide under their leaves and sending out their delicious frahiding place (dear little hypocrites)?

The company was pleasant and the difference of our interests gave zest to the conversation. The two archæologists were going exclusively to see the newly discovered cists: I loved the delicious long drive nd was happy to make a pilgrimage to the birthplace of my beloved Pur Luigi, who ook his name from that of his native town -Pietro Vannucci took his from Perugia Raphael his from Urbino. The aim of th young Prussian Lieutenant who occupied the fourth seat in the carriage was quite of a different order: his dear, beloved, rich aiden aunts had given him a comfortable sum of money with the order to travel for his instruction in Europe and in other parts and had forbidden him to come home

before he had spent the last farthing. The poor fellow confided to my motherly heart that a lady love, a fair and graceful graceful, was sitting all the time at the window of her chamber in her ancestral schlose, letting the loops slip from her knitof seeing the fair youth of her love thimself riding up the steep path to her noble abode to make her his for ever and a day.

Unfortunately for him and her his in-born instincts of German economy kept him from squandering the money. He de tested cards; in Italy the wine was good but dirt cheap; he was too virtuous even to think of other ruinous vices, so he had chiefly joined our expedition in hopes that kind, picturesque Italian brigands might have the kindness to deliver him of his too, too solid gold, which he confessed he wore for their special convenience in his waistcoat pocket, having deposited the exact amount of the sum necessary for the return to his own country (inc Gretchen) at the German banker's in Rome. Our fine escort visibly spoiled the motive of his journey to Palestrina and I had to console him as well as I could, telling him o cut off ears and noses and of the disagree-able surprise of Gretchen if he returned to on to the matter, accept thoughtlessly the her minus these handsome and useful features of his noble face, though Semper in Undoubtedly this popular prejudice against his excellent book upon "Style" emits the leprosy has also been fostered by the fact that rather original opinion that statues are at est when Time has deprived them of their antistylistic (styllosen) extremities heads, ears, noses, arms and legs! But there is sometimes a great difference between views and tastes of loving young German ladies and of cranky old German

In due time we arrived at Palestrina after the horses had had a hard pull up the side of the steep Sabine hill. We had plenty of time to visit the proud palace of the Barberinis, with its splendid antique mo-saics and its chapel that boasts a Pieta of Michelangelo, though it is very ugly. The view from the terrace over the Campagna vas grand-was sublime-the parting kiss eous Italy, both blended in a mist of golden atoms, a sight to be remembered to your last day with ever new joy and thankfulness? I could not tear myself away until the last ray had faded into sudden darkness. The dear old Belgian remained with me, as much out of courteous politeness as out of genuine admiration for the beauted In the meantime our practical Germans

had gone down to see the kind of accommo-dation the only inn of the place could afford, and had made friends before we came down. Bernardini, its proud proprietor, received us with open arms, into which I speedily pushed my dear old Belgian friend, only to fall myself into those of the whole clan of female Bernardinis, mother, sisters, wife, daughters, cousins, nieces m I saw for the first time in my life, but two settled in the one chamber, with two of gle bed, previously occupied.

The fatigue of the long drive, of the sights New York.

New York.

seeing, was soon forgotten at the hospitable able. The supper was good, the wine excellent. The only uncomfortable inci-tent was the arrival of a fifth guest, an excellent.

elderly man of unpreposessing appearance, unkempt beard and hard set features, who carried about him a number of watches, old and new, of gold and of silver, which he offered to us for sale.

The anxious old Baron put two and two together and jumped at the con that the shaggy man was a brigand that the watches had been stolen waylaid travellers! Think of his horro when he discovered that this man of all others was his neighbor for the night, the enant of the room with the single bed, and that this dangerous individual not get to his room without passing through his own!

Before going to bed he loudly talked of weapons with the young German officer who shared his room, pistols were loaded and knives sharpened, so as to frighten the unconscious murderer. I think he secretly made his will in case of —, and ent of retiring to sleep or to be murdered came soon enough, as we were to set off at dawn on an expedition to Castel Pietro, high above Pal Dawn came in due time, but it was a diffi-

cult task to get my male companions out of their beds after the copious libations of the evening. Then the Baron, who was a fervent Catholic, declared that as it was the east of the Annunciation he was by duty ound to assist at three masses. So we had to wait for a long time until the pious Baron had finished his prayers, and, I am sorry to say, my impious Germans the opposite thing, before we marched off for Castel S. Pietro, that placidly lies on the very top of the mountain. The sun was high and the heat beginning to be rather uncomfortable. As it often happens, the pleasure of clamber-ing up the mountain soon became a toil. We took short cuts, lost our way several imes, and had only a short rest at the top, where the view was indeed a reward for any effort. The whole Roman Campagna ay before us on one side, bordered by the hining line of the Mediterranean. St. Peter's proud dome looked like a dot on the map, indicating Rome. On the other side our looks dived into an archipelago of mountain tops rising out of an ocean of deep due valleys. It was splendid, though our contemplation was rather disturbed by the innumerable horde of half naked brats, boys and girls, each carrying a newer and maller edition of him of her self too heavy or the poor little arms. Each and all, they looked like diminutive bronze statues of exquisite workmanship, charming to gaze at but decidedly troublesome with their constant refrain of "Date un soldo, signor mussia" as addressed to my male com-panions, varying only with "Date un soldo signora madama," as addressed to me, fol-lowed by imprecations of the worst sort addressed to us all when no more pennies were forthcoming from our emptied pockets, and a stone or two followed us on our way downward. Poor little things, they did not know better, and I confess that I still loved them and stood up for them against who each and all appreciated the horrid

A plentiful meal with too plentiful libations awaited us at our inn. The Italians translate the French trou" into "bere com' un tedesco" (drink like a German). Our host brought up bottle after bottle of his best wine: the man who wanted to sell the cists brought flask after flask of his very best, and when the price to be paid for the antiquities had been settled after having been duly discussed for an hour and more the time for our departure Romeward and homeward had and my German friends were certainly not the better for all the good wine had imbihed, and had acquired no only the cists but with them what Germans politely call a Kater, a term really meaning

It was certainly not a pleasant lookou for the coming journey home, so I gladly accepted a little kitten, a thing of loving Bernardinis, as charming and frolicsome as disagreeable and obnoxious.

The drive over the darkened Campagna was as dull and uncanny as the morning ride the day before had been delightful. To the gloom of the falling might the dirge of the vetturino added horrors and creeps He sang in unearthly tones:

Chi cammina la notte. Cammina alla morte! We arrived home safely.

My little "Kater" turned out deliciously lovely and loving: but he had the fate of

A REPUDIATION OF RAGS. The Fruits of Toll in College Halls Are Not Bad Bananas. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

Albany Argus recently printed this: What a contrast, exclaims the Boston Globe, there is between the luxury of the life of the richest man at Harvard and the poverty of the student President Lowell told about, who paid five cents for his dinner by buying a dozen decaying bananas. from which he cut out the portions that were fit to est! No one doubts that the student obliged to scrape and toil for his education will be of more sumed its original dignity and significance. value to the world later in life than the fellow

crapes" his way through college. The in piteous appeal; but in view of obliged to work his way can do so without about the rock not generally understood, eating rotten bananas and without adver- is it not entirely likely that Baedeker is bliged to work his way can do so without not no glorification by reason of that fact, still covers the main portion of the rock, as the most hopeless men in college are frequently those who pride themselves upon their "toiling and scraping," who expect event settle this question, and the du sympathy and thereby lose self-respect, and who look the part they play in college of the Rock is plain. What is entirel affairs. Rags and rotten bananas are no comprehensible is that the Pilgrim So mmendation for any man in college NEW YORK, June 10.

What's the Matter With Little Old New York?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What is the matter with little old New York? Why is it that a number of the newspapers in New York city constantly decry the city? I am a New Yorker born and have heard many public speeches, but none pleased me quite so completely as that made by the Rev. Father Lavelle of St. Patrick's Cathedral several years ago at a dinner of the Amen Corner in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The reverend gentleman spoke of the glories of New York city, and wherever I travel I find that our city is looked upon with envy. We have the finest police force, the noblest firemen, the most beauti-'ul parks, the best subways, the greatest bridges, the most entrancing hotels, the most beautiful churches, the most satisfy-ing white winged brigade, the greatest and complete museums, the m ent libraries, and the finest citizenship in

I could go on for a column, and even the page could not enumerate the beauties and the greatness of New York city from began.

I can make allowance I do not need to tell you that the old back system. I do not need to tell you that the old back system. I could go on for a column, and even that whom I saw for the first time in my life, but who one and all declared that they loved me dearly, that they had loved my husband since he was in his swaddling clothes and oven before that (though I still cling to them and the newspapers which champion their cause to attempt to make New York of the mative in Germany" and had only left his native land as a well known savant, standing six feet in his stockings); but life is made of such surprises. It soon came out that the accommedation was as scanty as the welcome had been gushing, and we were sparred of the years! The vast improvements could not appear and that the old hack system to make allowance for the aspirations of politicians who are playing the game of "oute" against the in New York was a shame and a disgrace, and that when these new cabs came in seowing the mine, "but in that game is it necessary for them and the newspapers which champion their cause to attempt to make New York was a shame and a disgrace, and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in seowing and that when these new cabs came in seowing and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the powing and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving and that when these new cabs came in associng the in the moving and that when these new cabs came in the moving in every point of view. I can make allowance accommodation was as scanty as the wellcome had been gushing, and we were spared
the trouble of choosing our apartments,
the whole establishment having only three
bedrooms and five beds to boast of. So we

the growth of our city within the last fifty
pears! The vast improvements could not
be told in a single issue of True Sun. Why
are the turkey buzzards of politics perthan it did siz years ago.

New York, July 9. Travelling Salesman, meet scores of people of all classes and con the beds, having an entry of its own; our ditions in my daily walks, and I confess two friends had to camp in a room that to you that the majority of them tell me served as a passage to the room with the sin-gle bed, previously occupied. S. J. T.

NEW LIFE FOR STRAUSS.

Ten years have passed since the death of Johann Strauss, and Vienna has just awakened to a realization of the comp oblivion into which his compositions have fallen. It took the recent revival of inerest in Viennese operetta to emphasis the disappearance of the Strauss works from the stage of the city on the Danube. That the master whose music was thought for so many years to embody the spirit of Viennese life should have been forgotten ten years after his death has turned the thoughts of his fellow citizens to the causes of such an unexpected state of affairs

It has not taken the deliberations of experts to discover the cause for this neglect. The Strauss scores suffered even in the days of their youth from the charocter of their librettos. It was not only to those who knew them in translation that they appeared uninteresting and inappropriate for musical illustration. The composer struggled in vain to sebetter material for the inspira cure tion of his genius, and the Viennese pub lie of a score of years ago sympathized with his difficulties. Yet there was no improvement in the quality of the texts which it was the task of his bubbling genius to animate. Who can recall the complications of "The Merry War," "The Gipsy Baron" and "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief" without admiration for the composer who could create productions so dull for a musical accompa sufficiently attractive to secure for them any degree of permanent popularity? It is perhaps the greatest tribute to Strauss's genius that he could accomplish so much; but the weight of his collaborator's work dragged his own efforts into disuse.

It was only in one case that the com poser derived any real cooperation from nis librettist. "Die Fledermaus" has not lost a particle of its popularity. Statistics of the German opera houses annually record its frequent representation. The fact that this libretto came from the French accounts for its enduring quali-ties, although it has never been sufficient o gain success for it in this country. Our indifference to "The Bat" is one of the curiosities of taste. The French origin of "The Merry Widow," among the latest of the Viennese operettas, and "Fatinitza," among the first, shows that we may conclude without rashness that the Vienness operetta with the well made text was originally made in France. The Austrian as well as the German manufacturers of operetta libretti borrowed liberally from the Gallie supply that has furnished forth so liberally the stage of every country.

Now the loyal Viennese have to revive the popularity of their former idol, and his works are to be performed anew; but with different texts. Those that are capable of revision will be liberally changed. Hopeless books will be altogether abandoned. It is probable that the latter class will be more success ful, especially if the compilers of the new librettos go to France for their inspiration. Otherwise it may be feared that "The Bat" with its well built, pointed text will remain the only popular Strauss operetta. Compilers of the new text ought to find in the story of its success excuse for bringing their librettos from Paris, and changing them as little as possible in the

BOSTON AND BAEDEKER.

American History Supports German View of Plymouth Rock Site.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have noticed with some amazement the ready fashion in which certain Boston and Plymweight have challenged the statement of Baedeker about the present location of the main ledge of Plymouth Rock. To challenge Baedeker is of course no small evi-dence of temerity, but is the challenge sup-

ported by the fact?

In Harper's "Cyclopædia of United States
History," under the title of "Plymouth Rock,"
this significant statement occurs: mas Faunce, who died in 1746, aged 90 ;

was a ruling elder in the first church at New Plymouth and knew some of the Mayflower's passengers, who showed him the rock on which they landed. On hearing that it was about to be covered by the erection of a wharf the venerable man was so affected that he wept. His tears probably saved that rock from oblivion, a fragnent of which is carefully preserved at New Plym moved, and in attempting to move the rock it split asunder. The upper half or shell was taken to the middle of the village. In 1834 it was removed from the town square to a position in front of Pilgrim Hall, where it was enclosed in an iron railing, lost all its historical interest and was reduced to a vulgar stone. In September

The local patriotism which permitted the sacred landmark to become "a vulgar stone" should not be overlooked, nor are There is more or less humbug in the oft stone" should not be overlooked, nor are repeated story of the fellow who "toils and the tears of the venerable Faunce lacking young man with sense and energy who is timony it seems clear that there are details ising his financial situation. Hundreds right, as usual, and that the wharf that was of young men do work their way and ex built after the original removal of the stone

> The removal of the wharf would in any event settle this question, and the duty of removing it to restore the original setting of the Rock is plain. What is entirely inpaitry dollars of income permit its occupa-tion of such sacred ground. Baedeker may be wrong, but I believe, after the present exposure of the local negligence, his ment will be generally accepted outside of Massachusetts as the logical conclusion from the Faunce incident which I have quoted.

All success to THE SUN in its worthy effort to right a national wrong. PHILADELPHIA, July 10. PATRIOT.

Let Us Have Taxicabs.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The announcement made in THE SUN that an injunction was to be applied for at the instance of the so-called independent backmen of New York, who the taxicab, which has grown to be a gen-public convenience, is likely to be abandoned gether. It was introduced in this city with the idea that it would be profitable for its projectors because it would invite patronage from persons whose business demanded conveyances other than elevated and surface cars, particularly in the lower part of the city, and from persons who wished to hire vehicles in the evening to theatres, &c. At the start off the plan seeme work well, but just as soon as the politicians

A Quiet Country Night. Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! To wit, to wit, to woo! Bow, wow, wow.fwow, wow! Cook-a-doodle-do!